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C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 1308

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PARM,UN
SUBJECT:OPENING OF ENMOD CONVENTION

REF: USUN 1276

1. UN LEGAL COUNSEL SUY HAS INFORMED UN PERM REPS
IN A CIRCULAR NOTE DATED APRIL 29 (ADVANCE COPY RECEIVED
USUN APRIL 29) THAT THE ENMOD CONVENTION WILL BE OPENED
FOR SIGNATURE AND RATIFICATION ON MAY 28 IN GENEVA. THIS
ACTION CONSTITUTES THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE
OPENING OF THE CONFENTION FOR SIGNATURE AND RATIFICATION
(PARA 2REFTEL). THE TEXT OF THE LETTER IS REPRODUCED
IN PARA 3 BELOW. MISSION ALSO IS POUCHING THE SECRETARIAT
DOCUMENTS CONTAINING THE ENMOD TEXT IN SIX LANGUAGES TO
IO/UNP.

2. ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL BJORNERSTEDT INFORMED US
APRIL 29 THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAD DECIDED TO GO AHEAD
WITH THE CIRCULATION OF THE LETTER AND TEXTS AT THIS TIME
RATHER THAN WAIT FOR SOVIET REPLY RE THE POSSIBILITY OF
SHIFTING THE SIGNING TO MAY 19. IF THE SOVIETS CONCUR
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IN THE MAY 19 DATE, THE SYG WILL ISSUE A "TECHNICAL
CORRECTION."

3. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF THE CIRCULAR NOTE.
QUOTEREFERENCE C.N.123.1977.TREATIES-1 28 APRIL 1977

CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF MILITARY OR ANY OTHER

HOSTILE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES

APPROVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS
ON 10 DECEMBER 1976

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE AND RATIFICATION OF THE CONVENTION

SIR,
I HAVE THE HONOUR, UPON INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL,
TO REFER TO RESOLUTION 31/72 OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED
NATIONS RELATING TO THE CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF MILITARY
OR ANY OTHER HOSTILE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION
TECHNIQUES.

PLEASE, FIND HERewith ANNEXED TO THE PRESENT LETTER, THE
TEXT OF THE CONVENTION IN ARABIC, CHINESE, ENGLISH,
FRENCH, RUSSIAN AND SPANISH, THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH IS DE-
POSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL.

THE ATTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENTS IS DRAWN IN PARTICULAR TO
ARTICLE IX OF THE CONVENTION CONCERNING SIGNATURE, RATI-
FICATION, ACCESSION, AND ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE CONVENTION.

FURTHERMORE, I WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS
OF OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE RESOLUTION OF THE GENERAL ASS-
SEMBLY, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL DECIDED TO OPEN THE CONVENTION
FOR SIGNATURE AND RATIFICATION OF STATES ON WEDNESDAY 18
MAY 1977 IN GENEVA.

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THE OPENING CEREMONY FOR SIGNATURE WILL TAKE PLACE ON THAT
DAY AT 11 A.M. AT THE PALAIS DES NATIONS AND THE CONVENTION
WILL BE OPEN FOR SIGNATURE AT GENEVA UNTIL 31 MAY 1977
INCLUSIVE. AFTER THAT DATE THE CONVENTION WILL REMAIN OPENED FOR
SIGNATURE AND RATIFICATION OF STATES AT THE UNITED NATIONS
HEADQUARTERS, NEW YORK.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPIES OF THE CONVENTION ARE BEING ESTABLISHED
AND WILL BE COMMUNICATED IN DUE COURSE TO ALL STATES CONCERNED.

ACCEPT, SIR, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

ERIK SUY (SIGNED)
THE LEGAL COUNSEL
UNQUOTE
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